

Sharansky unveils new olim movement

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Movement for Israel and Immigration, a new immigrants' movement headed by former Prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky, was founded yesterday, with the intention of forming a basis for a political party focusing on issues of immigration and absorption.

The movement's leaders estimate that if it does become a party, it can get up to six Knesset seats in the 1996 elections.

One of the founders, Yuli Edelstein, deputy chairman of the Zionist Forum, said that "at the moment it's a public political movement which will use all the political means at its disposal to gain its objectives. If we don't succeed, we will consider turning into a party which will run for the Knesset."

Sharansky said yesterday that the new movement, which will act to advance new immigrants economically, socially and politically, is by no means a sectoral body of Russian immigrants only. "Our goal is to make the integration of exiles a central issue of our political life and pave the way for the arrival of at least one million immigrants from Russia in the near future. We want our society to attract new immigrants, rather than to wait until a pogrom occurs and they come anyway," he said.

Sharansky stressed that the movement "is not merely another new



Natan Sharansky announcing the formation of his new Movement for Israel and Immigration.

(Hanoach Grizitzky/Israel Sun)

immigrants' lobby, but a political ideological movement which wants to prepare a platform and look into the possibility of forming a party running on the banner of the integration of the exiles."

He pointed out that there is deep disappointment among new and veteran immigrants with the failure of any party, large or small, to promote immigration and absorption issues. Although he personally could have

joined a party, he said: "I don't think joining an existing party can significantly change the situation. But a party which will be part of the government can change the state's policy and that's the most important

thing." Both Labor and the Likud, aware that the new immigrants' voting potential is 12 to 14 mandates, have guaranteed a place for a new immigrant on their Knesset lists.

Livne: I don't see war developing

ALON PINKAS

"TODAY'S battle is for routine security along the borders and against terror, not a conventional war, which I cannot see developing in the region," OC Ground Forces Command Maj.-Gen. Ze'ev Livne said yesterday.

"The Ground Forces Command is developing new doctrines and equipment to meet the challenges of routine security in southern Lebanon and the territories. We train more than we did during the intifada years," Livne said.

He disclosed that command has developed a multi-year training program for reserve forces, that highlights a biennial full training session. In off years, only commanders would exercise, thus alleviating the reserve service burden.

Livne was speaking to officer cadets following a combined "capabilities demonstration" at Uvda in the Negev. The cadets are from the command's four components: armor, artillery, infantry, and combat

engineering. The demonstration precedes an intensive two-week training session in which the cadets will practice planning, commanding, and executing combined operations.

The demonstration, Livne said, is an excellent application of the lessons learned during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

"Until then, every corps had its agenda, its own doctrine, and its exclusive version of how to win a battle. Only after the 1973 war was the concept of a combined battlefield developed. What we saw today is the professional implementation of a two-tier concept: excellence in executing your corps' functional role and excellence in combining the forces," Livne said.

Livne also revealed that by 1997 a new computer-controlled training system that simulates a two-side battle would be integrated into the IDF. The system, based on one used at the US Army National Training Center at Ft. Irwin, California.

Armored Corps has no commander

ALON PINKAS

THE Armored Corps, the IDF's largest corps, has been without a permanent commanding officer for the last five months, army sources confirmed yesterday.

The former Armored Corps commander, Brig.-Gen. Enmi Palant, told Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak in January that he was resigning, since the promotion he said was promised to him by former CGS Ehud Barak never materialized.

Shahak accepted Palant's resignation and, together with OC Ground

Forces Command Maj.-Gen. Ze'ev Livne, appointed Brig.-Gen. Dovik Rosenthal to replace him.

Since Rosenthal was abroad, his appointment was to become effective in September. Palant was asked to remain on until Rosenthal assumed command, but declined and resigned immediately.

Since then, Col. Matti Shulman has been acting as chief armored corps officer, but will soon be appointed as a brigade commander, and the corps will again be without a commander until September.

Talks on displaced Palestinians open in Beersheba

JON IMMANUEL

DELEGATES from Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority met in Beersheba yesterday for their first working session on Palestinians displaced by the Six-Day War.

To Israel, a displaced person is anyone who was normally resident in the territories occupied by Israel and "left as a result of the war," said Yosef Hadas, a former Foreign Ministry director-general who is heading Israel's four-member delegation.

However, the Palestinians include those who, normally resident, were outside the country on June 4, 1967 and could not return, those who could not return after staying abroad without renewing their residence permits, and those who were ex-

pelled after 1967.

"There are no precise numbers," of displaced persons, said Hadas. He estimated 200,000 and "natural growth."

The natural growth will be the crux of the problem.

Zuhoudi Saad, the leading Palestinian delegate, estimated the number of people involved, including descendants, at nearly a million, "based on our investigations from the Red Cross, the Red Crescent, UNRWA, and other international organizations."

Abdullah Madadha of Jordan and Bader Chamam of Egypt concurred. But each side went out of its way to point out that the figures are

conjectural.

"It is easy to err," said Madadha, a Jordanian Foreign Ministry official. "First we must find a methodology."

The delegates agreed to meet again in Cairo next month and in Gaza early in August before a meeting of foreign ministers will meet for a second time to assess progress and make decisions.

Even if the sides can reach an agreement on the number of displaced persons, there will be arguments over the capacity of the Palestinian Authority to absorb them. "Let's say someone from Ramal-

lah wants to return. He will find somebody else took his place," said Hadas.

"There is a lot of housing, and we Palestinians have a tradition that relatives look after you. Do you think we will leave them without food?" said Saad, an engineer who returned four months ago after running the PLO's "occupied territories department" in Amman.

It is important for the first group of displaced persons to return by the end of the year, "or at least that we will agree this year on who will be in the first group," Saad said.

Meanwhile, two days of talks in Cairo ended with an agreement by the civil administration to transfer the labor department to the Palestinians.

Five-point agenda

A five-point agenda for the next round of talks was agreed upon yesterday:

- Defining who is a displaced person.
 - Establishing the number of displaced persons.
 - Determining the modulations for admission of such people.
 - Undefined confidence-building measures.
 - Setting a deadline for admission of displaced persons.
- The Palestinians want them admitted by the end of the interim period, which could be as early as next May.

Chancellor Kohl pledges DM 10 million to PA

LAMIA LAHOUD and news agencies

GERMAN Chancellor Helmut Kohl promised Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday that he would consider German investment in a Palestinian industrial

park and an airport. He also pledged DM 10 million in additional aid.

"This visit is like a demonstration for peace," Kohl said after a 90-minute meeting with Arafat in Jericho.

"I would like to encourage you to continue along this path," Kohl said as Arafat stood by his side. "The inciters against peace are bringing disaster to the whole world and humanity. This peace process must succeed in an area where there is 58 percent unemployment. We need to find jobs for these people."

Kohl said he hoped Arafat would continue on the difficult road of peace, and warned against "demagogues who want to boycott the peace process."

"History has shown that demagogues only bring war and suffering to the people," he said.

Kohl promised to discuss ideas for possible investment projects in the territories when he meets with other heads of European governments next week.

Arafat said that he encountered a "full German willingness to help the Palestinian people."

Germany has granted the Palestinians DM 155 in aid since self-rule began.

Yesterday's meeting began with a brief red-carpet welcoming ceremony. Arafat gave a military salute, as

a bagpipe band played the German national anthem. Kohl reviewed an honor guard of Arafat's elite Force 17 troops and Palestinian policemen.

Security was tight as Kohl made his way by bus from Jerusalem to Jericho.

Several Israel Police vans were posted along the Jerusalem-Jericho road. The army barred Israeli motorists from passing through Jericho.

Meanwhile, PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said yesterday there is no way that Israel can interpret "evacuation of population centers," as stated in the Declaration of Principles, as meaning only city centers. He said that at first, Israel did so for security reasons, but that now it has become a political issue and a negotiating ploy.

SLA soldier killed near Jezzine

ALON PINKAS

A SOUTH Lebanese Army soldier was killed yesterday and another wounded when a roadside bomb exploded on a road they were patrolling near Jezzine in central south Lebanon.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack which occurred in the morning near the village of Saidun, adding that all six SLA soldiers in the patrol were killed. The SLA claimed only one soldier was killed.

A short exchange of machine gun and mortar fire followed the attack. SLA sources also said Hizbullah fired several Katyusha rockets Tuesday night at Marjayoun.

CORRECTION

The photos of Susanna Waleon and Joan Armatrading on Tuesday's Page 7 were reversed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Liba'i taking over Interior post

Justice Ministry David Liba'i is to assume the Interior portfolio at a ceremony this morning at the Interior Ministry in Jerusalem.

The outgoing minister, Uzi Baram, relinquished the portfolio due to his wife's illness. Baram retains his Tourism portfolio.

Liba'i's appointment was unanimously approved by the cabinet yesterday. He will be the fourth person to hold the portfolio in this government.

Hamas denies report it will halt attacks

Hamas yesterday denied reports in the London-based Saudi newspaper *Al-Hayaz* that it is about to stop attacks and establish a political party, with the likelihood of participating in elections.

Sheikh Ahmed Baher, a leading Hamas cleric, said the report "was not true."

There have been reports of divisions within both Hamas and Islamic Jihad over their future direction. Many of their leaders accept the Palestinian Authority's demand that they stop attacking Israeli targets inside Gaza and from within Gaza and Jericho. There has also been a sharp downturn in attacks since April outside PA-ruled areas, sparking rumors of a change in political direction.

Jon Immanuel

Abdel-Shafi launches new political movement

Former chief Palestinian negotiator Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi, a critic of the Cairo accords, is to launch his Movement for Building Democracy today.

It is unclear whether it will be a political party competing in elections, a protest movement against the Palestinian Authority or a lobbying group for democratic values.

Jon Immanuel

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The second Chaim Leib Pekeris Memorial Lecture was delivered yesterday at the Weizmann Institute of Science by Prof. George F. Oster, of the University of California, Berkeley, who spoke on "Molecular Motors and Brownian Motion."

With heartfelt sorrow and with sincere condolences to the family, I mourn the passing of my dear friend

DAVID JAGLOM ד"ר

T.H. Reitman

With deep sorrow, we mourn the passing of our beloved

LEON TAMMAN

devoted to his family and Israel, after a long struggle against illness.

Wife **Rita Tamman**

Son **Daniel and Caroline Tamman and family**

Daughters: **Denise and Joey Esfandi and family**

Nora and Clive Rayden and family

Evelyn and Ronnie Douek and family

Brothers: **Albert and Mathilde Tamman and family, Geneva**

Zaki and Greta Tamman and family, Florida

Gabriel and Lina Tamman and family, Geneva

Sisters: **Renée and Nissim Gaon and family, Geneva**

Lily and Andre Hirsch and family, Geneva

Sister-in-law: **Emily, widow of Elie Tamman, and family, London**

The funeral will take place on Thursday, June 8, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. - leaving for the Mount of Olives Cemetery from the Municipality funeral parlor, 26 Shamgar St., Jerusalem.

Buses will be leaving from the Daniel Hotel, Hertzliya at 11:00 a.m. to the funeral parlor in Jerusalem, and from the funeral parlor at 1:00 p.m.

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GSS man faces disciplinary tribunal in interrogation death

EVELYN GORDON

THE General Security Service investigator who carried out the interrogation that led to the death of suspected terrorist Abdel Samed Harizat cannot be held criminally responsible, but he will be brought before a disciplinary tribunal, State Attorney Dorit Beinisch decided yesterday.

She also ordered a re-examination of several aspects [of the case] which necessitate the taking of additional or-

ganizational and disciplinary measures." The Justice Ministry declined to specify what aspects she was referring to.

Harizat was brought to Jerusalem's Russian Compound lockup on April 22, where he was interrogated about the activities of the Hamas call in Hebron. Later that same day, he was brought, unconscious, to Hadassah Hospital. He died there three days later.

A court-ordered autopsy by the Institute for Forensic Medicine found that Harizat died as the result of a large edema and internal hemorrhaging of the brain, caused by his head having been violently shaken back and forth.

An investigation by the Justice Ministry's division for investigating policemen found that Harizat's interrogators

had grabbed his shirt front and shaken him several times while questioning him. Later, one investigator shook Harizat twice by his shoulders. According to the Forensic Institute, it was this latter shaking which probably caused Harizat's death, though there could have been a cumulative effect from the earlier shakings.

However, the institute said, while being shaken by the shoulders can cause death in the manner stated, the phenomenon is so rare that it is generally only known to doctors and scientists specializing in brain disease or forensic medicine.

Since the investigator responsible could not have foreseen that his actions would result in Harizat's death, Beinisch said, criminal charges can not be

brought against him. Furthermore, she said, it would hard to prove a causal connection between the interrogation and the death with the degree of certainty necessary in a criminal trial.

The state also hopes this will satisfy Harizat's family, which has a petition pending before the High Court of Justice against the state's failure to take action in the case.

Hearings on disappearance of Yemenite children open

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE commission of inquiry into the disappearance of Yemenite immigrant children in the 1950s convened yesterday morning in Jerusalem for its first session - in front of an empty hall.

For some 90 minutes, Judges Yehuda Cohen and Dalia Koval and Maj.-Gen. David Maimon waited in vain for the first witness to appear.

Justice Minister David Liba'i, who was on hand, reminded the commission members that they were entitled to order witnesses to appear before them.

Meanwhile, a vociferous group of Uzi Meshulam supporters began gathering outside the improvised court-room in a wing of Beit Agron. The demonstrators demanded that Meshulam be allowed to appear.

The commission's secretary agreed to make contact with Me-

shulam to see whether he would uphold the procedures of the commission if invited to appear.

When the hearings eventually opened, Rahamin Munajem of Rosh Ha'ayin recounted how his 10-month-old brother had been taken to the medical clinic near the transit camp where they were living. The baby was examined by a doctor who said he had ulcers in his mouth, Munajem said, but a nurse called Yehudit Frank said the baby had to be transferred to Bellinson Hospital.

Munajem charged that the nurse was the first link in a chain of kidnapers. Two days after the baby went to the clinic, the family was informed that he had died.

"I was nine years old at the time," he told the commission, "but I remember that there were

rumors that reached us from Ein Shemer [transit camp] that children were being kidnapped."

He said that the new immigrants did not understand at the time that it was possible to complain to the police.

"I want to see a grave," said Yehiye Hnbara, whose sister Haviya was about 12 years old when she fell ill. "I carried her on my back to the clinic, together with my father. They took her and told us she had to go to the hospital. When we reached the hospital, they told us she was dead, but we never saw a death certificate or a grave."

In later years, he said, the Interior Ministry told the family that Haviya had emigrated from Israel in 1963.

Three other witnesses are due to appear before the commission today.



Rahamin Munajem of Rosh Ha'ayin (right) and Moshe Nahum (center), world president of Yemenite communities, listen to a point from Munajem's legal adviser, Rami Damari (Brian Hendler)

IBA to trim work force

EVELYN GORDON

IT is already clear that the Israel Broadcasting Authority will have to lay off 240 employees, and it may require even further reductions, Director-General Mordechai Kirschenbaum told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

Kirschenbaum said the IBA is aware that it has a problem of "hidden unemployment." Many journalists work very hard, and certain areas - especially original programming in television - are understaffed, he said. However, other journalists produce very little, and some areas - especially in the radio - are overstaffed.

The IBA has hired an outside consultant to advise it on how to better use staff, he said. However, he added, poor use of manpower is common to all state-owned broadcasting networks. The BBC, for instance, has some 5,000 salaried employees, and a "significant portion" of them have no work to do, he claimed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Contractor killed in lift crash

A Rishon LeZion contractor was killed yesterday when an electric lift he was using to carry bricks up to the fourth floor of a building collapsed with him in it and crashed to the ground. David Chen, 60, died when the lift crashed onto the roof of a car after falling about 12 meters. An initial investigation showed that the lift had been improperly connected.

Itm

Goodman nominated to replace Kaplan

Charles Goodman, a Chicago philanthropist, has been nominated by the American members of the Jewish Agency's Board of Directors to replace Mendel Kaplan as chairman of the board when Kaplan completes his term in June. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met with agency ally department head Uri Gordon last night to discuss the nomination.

Itm

Remanded on suspicion of fratricide

Alexander Monyenko, 28, of Tel Aviv, was remanded yesterday in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on suspicion he murdered his brother with an ax on Monday. The wife of the suspect told police that the two had gotten drunk and began arguing with each other. The suspect then attacked his brother, who was taken to the hospital in critical condition and died Tuesday of his wounds.

Judge Zecharia Caspi ordered Monyenko kept under close watch, as he had threatened to harm himself if his brother died.

Itm

Backpacker comes home to a fortune

A recently demobilized soldier, 21, returned from a trip abroad that he financed by taking out a loan and working as he traveled, to find that he and a friend, a 45-year-old father of six, had won a NIS 6 million Lotto first prize.

The two filled out the Lotto form, for the April 18 drawing, before the soldier left on the trip. By the date of the drawing, the soldier had gone. But only he knew where the winning ticket was, and his friend had to wait for him to return before he could be sure they had won.

The two plan to invest the money in real estate.

Itm

Lev Banim money in Deri's account

Prosecution witnesses Lior Ungar and Yehuda Amira, both formerly associated with the Lev Banim yeshiva, said yesterday they had transferred money from the yeshiva directly into the bank account of former interior minister Aryeh Deri, whose trial on fraud and bribery charges is continuing in Jerusalem District Court.

Both said they had deposited checks into Deri's account at the instructions of Deri's co-defendant Yom Tov Rubin.

Itm

Bar-Ilan University expanding

On the eve of its 40th anniversary celebrations, Bar-Ilan University announced yesterday that it plans to build a 270 dunam (70 acre) extension to its main campus in Ramat Gan, doubling the size of its physical plant. Over the next decade, new homes for the faculties of humanities and social sciences, along with high-tech facilities, an athletics complex, and dormitories will be built on a tract northeast of the current campus. Cost of the infrastructure for the extension is estimated at \$10 million.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Soldier who shot up Jaffa church may not have acted alone - police

RAINE MARCUS

HANIEL Koren, the 21-year-old soldier who went on a shooting spree at St. Anthony's Church in Jaffa three weeks ago, may not have acted alone, police said at a remand hearing in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Lawyer Jonathan Goldberg objected to a police request that Koren undergo a lie detector test to determine if he had any accomplices.

Koren, who said he fired three rounds of ammunition inside the church to protest idol worship, had told police and the court that he had no accomplices and was in full possession of his faculties. He also admitted to torching a church in Jerusalem a week before, for the same reason.

Since the shooting, in which no one was hurt, Koren has been in Bat Yam's Abarbanel Mental Hospital

for psychiatric observation to determine his sanity. However, yesterday the district psychiatrist approved Koren's transfer to the Abu Kabir lock-up. The psychiatrist has not yet presented his findings nor has he ruled whether Koren is fit to stand trial.

The shooting was followed by two days of rioting by Jaffa Arabs. Just after the incident, a priest in the church said he saw a female soldier running away from the scene, but these reports were not confirmed by police at the time.

Police asked for a further 12-day remand yesterday, but Judge Dan Arbel ruled that six days in custody was sufficient. Goldberg is now also considering petitioning the High Court of Justice to protest the fact that Koren is being tried in a criminal court, and not a military one.

ACRI wants probe into 'unjust' use of force against protesters

RAINE MARCUS

THE Association for Civil Rights in Israel has asked Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz and the Justice Ministry's police investigations department to probe what it described as the unjust use of force by Chief Supt. David Krauze against protesters during a rally on Jerusalem Day.

Complainant Hillel Barak accused Krauze of violently shoving and pushing to the ground several protesters and tearing up their banners during what he described as a legal and peaceful rally.

According to ACRI, 15 demon-

strators were standing quietly holding banners reading "East Jerusalem is occupied territory," while a Jerusalem Day procession passed through the streets. There were a few verbal exchanges between the two groups, but, said Barak, no violent incidents.

Later in the day, read the complaint, Krauze arrived and demanded that the 15 disperse, claiming their gathering was illegal. Joined by police reinforcements, Krauze then allegedly shoved demonstrators without provocation, said ACRI.

Indian Airlines wants charter flights

AN Indian businessman arrived this week in an attempt to convince the authorities to allow charter flights between Israel and India, which he says could bring the round-trip air fare down to

\$500. Shri L.P. Gupta, owner of the Clarks Group of Hotels, said that he had been asked by the chairman of Indian Airlines to approach the Civil Aviation Authority.

Haim Shapiro

Knesset committee launches battle against sex ads in press

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset Education Committee discussed sex ads in the daily tabloids yesterday, a subject that united the House on one side and the warring press lords on the other.

"The newspapers used to be yellow; then they were red [with gory pictures], and now they're blue," said committee chairwoman Dalia Itzik. Some 12 MKs from several parties attended the meeting and agreed to ask the Press Council to either limit the ads for sex services

or completely ban them.

It was also decided to establish a public council to examine the issue. The council is expected to meet within a week and submit its recommendations within 10 days. The newspaper editors agreed to restrict the crudest ads in the meantime. The discussion was initiated by National Religious Party MK Yigal Bibi. Itzik called the ads "shocking" and said that the attorney-general had called them illegal pornography.

KNESSET BRIEFS

No quick trial for illegal workers

The Law Committee will not permit workers from the territories who stay here illegally to be tried within 48 hours of being discovered, unless the police promise to use these procedures only for repeat offenders and explain how they will ensure the accused have proper legal representation. Currently, trials for this charge can take place only after 48 hours have passed.

According to the police, 34,000 people were arrested for this crime last year and 16,000 in the first five months of this year. The maximum sentence is a year in prison and a NIS14,000 fine.

Benefits proposal for Holocaust victims

Victims of the Nazis would get the same benefits as IDF and World War II disabled, according to a bill approved for a first reading by the Finance Committee. Currently, Nazi victims get the same cash payments as the other two groups, but not other benefits such as reductions in municipal rates and TV license fees. The Treasury claims that the bill, by Dov Shilansky (Likud), would cost some NIS 70-NIS 100 million a year.

Panel dumps Sarid landfill idea

A decision by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid to make the Dudaim landfill in the South serve as a garbage dump for half the country was trashed by the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday.

MKs Pini Badash (Tsomet), who is also mayor of nearby Omer, Shmuel Avital (Labor), Yigal Bibi (National Religious Party), and Yosef Vamun (Labor) all attacked Sarid's policy, as did other Negev local council heads and academics from Ben-Gurion University.

Bill would make passport seizure a crime

Employers who seize their foreign workers' passports may be sentenced to up to a year in prison, according to a bill by Avraham Poraz (Meretz) approved for first reading by the Law Committee. Currently, this is not a crime at all.

Evelyn Gordon, Liat Collins

Bill on listing cigarette contents moves forward

JUDY SIEGEL

OVER 300 haredi children aged 12 and 13 smoke, according to Rabbi Avraham Rosenberg, director of the Ra'fa (Medicine According to Halacha) organization, who appeared at a joint meeting of the Knesset Anti-Drug and Economics committees yesterday.

The joint panel was discussing the private members' bill of Likud MK Ariel Weinstein, which would require tobacco companies to list the amount of tar and nicotine in their products, but not that of the poisonous gas carbon monoxide (CO). The panel decided to submit the proposal for a first reading, even though anti-smoking activists argued it could mislead consumers into thinking certain cigarettes were "safe."

Rosenberg opposed the bill on the grounds that cigarettes with allegedly "low" levels of tar and nicotine would be preferred by young people and encourage them to smoke. Meanwhile, the Knesset Economics Committee has approved for a second reading a bill initiated by Labor MK Yoram Lass, to increase the size of Health Ministry health warnings on cigarette ads. Under the bill, the warning would take up no less than five percent of the ad's space. A Health Ministry representative, however, said the bill would help protect cigarette manufacturers from lawsuits.

MK Yahalom: Suspend officer for alleged abuse of religious soldiers

MK Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) is asking for the immediate suspension and investigation of a paratrooper company commander who allegedly had mouthed religious soldiers and gave them orders which would have caused them to needlessly desecrate the Sabbath.

In a letter to Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Yahalom said the officer had ordered eight soldiers who were late in the dining room on a Friday night to write their names on a sheet of paper. They soldiers, who were late because they had finished their military duties before praying, refused to write because it would desecrate the Sabbath and there was no operational reason for it.

The officer allegedly shouted at them, among other things: "I'm fed up with this company. If you don't each write your name on this sheet on paper within two minutes, you'll each go to prison ... You have to understand that you are soldiers first and religious only after that. You will do everything I order you ... No rabbi will set foot in this company."

Yahalom said the soldiers were also given orders to carry out non-operational and non-essential duties on the Sabbath, which could have waited until after it went out. He also said that the officer constantly told one soldier, in front of the others, to shave off his sidelocks.

YOUR WEEK JUST GOT

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Bosnian Serbs release 111 UN peacekeepers; 148 still held

MISHA SAVIC

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia

BOSNIA'S rebel Serbs released 111 captive peacekeepers yesterday, and Serbia's powerful president said he thought all UN hostages would be freed within days.

Three UN military observers — one Spaniard, one French and one Brazilian — were released and transferred to Serbia yesterday afternoon, joining 108 peacekeepers freed during the night.

The releases eased a week-long standoff between rebel Serbs and the United Nations but did not quiet Bosnia's battlefields.

Heavy fighting erupted yesterday afternoon in Sarajevo, where a man was killed in his hospital room when a bullet fired from a Serb sniper position pierced his heart, hospital officials said.

In Washington, US Defense Secretary William Perry told Congress that pulling UN peacekeepers out of Bosnia would lead to "humanitarian disaster." A leading Republican called for massive US intervention if UN forces are endangered.

With 1,500 US soldiers en route to a base near Bosnia, Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, described in detail how those forces might be used if the UN peacekeepers face a crisis and request evacuation.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said the US must not tolerate UN forces being put at risk in Bosnia and should send a clear signal it would "intervene decisively and with massive power" if they are in danger.

Two buses carrying 108 freed hostages crossed the Bosnian border into Serbia shortly after 1 a.m. and took them to this Serbian town north of Belgrade. They later were flown to UN headquarters in Zagreb, Croatia.

Serbia's security chief, Jovica Stanisic, who negotiated the release for two days, said he hoped all the hostages "will be released very soon."

His boss, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, issued a statement saying the remaining 148 UN hostages, seized after NATO air raids on Bosnian Serb ammunition dumps on May 25 and 26, would be free within days. It was not immediately clear how many were still in Serb hands.

Stanisic did not respond to a question about whether the rebel Serbs won anything in exchange



UN peacekeepers, released by Bosnian Serbs, sit on a bus on the Yugoslav-Bosnian border before entering Serbia near the town of Mali Zvornik, 120 km. southwest of Belgrade. (AP)

'Mystery signals' no link to missing pilot

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General John Shalikashvili said yesterday that signals detected in the area where Serb forces shot down a US F-16 fighter plane could not be linked to the pilot.

He told the Senate Armed Services Committee at a hearing that "there have been reports of intermittent signals none of which we could tie to that particular pilot or the equipment that he carried."

for yesterday's release.

In Sarajevo, fierce fighting started around the Jewish cemetery and a strategic hillside. Three Serb tanks were seen firing on government positions on the hill in clear violation of UN agreements.

Ivor Roberts, the British charge d'affaires visiting the freed UN captives in Novi Sad, said the 32 Frenchmen, 17 Britons, 58 Ukrainians and one Spaniard were well-treated and in good spirits.

The fate of the pilot is not known.

The search is continuing for the pilot of the fighter shot down by Bosnian Serbs over northern Bosnia by a SAM-6 anti-aircraft missile last Friday.

The US Defense Department said on Tuesday that electronic beacon signals, which might have been transmitted by the pilot, were no longer being received by searchers in the area. The

news appeared to dim hopes that the pilot had survived the crash.

General Ronald Fogelman, the US Air Force Chief of Staff, said on Monday that electronic signals, possibly from a pilot's emergency beacon, had been received by rescue units. But the signal had not been picked up Tuesday.

Bosnian authorities said on Tuesday that they were not holding the pilot.

"They were extremely tired and extremely hungry. They had their first real good meal in a week. They lived on very humble rations, soup and bread without any meat. Now they seem pretty cheerful to be out," he said.

"They said they felt their treatment had been basically pretty decent. Their main complaint was food or lack of food," Roberts said.

He said some of the released hostages had "some very tense moments... a fairly hairy initial

journey when they were split up and dispersed to various sites."

The lone Spaniard, Manuel Cortes Mendez, spent his captivity in a mobile armored command post parked in the middle of a runway at the military airport in Banja Luka.

"I spent days watching the sky above me. Not because I was afraid of NATO strikes, but because it was so hot inside the armored vehicle that I prayed for rain to fall," he said. "And luckily, it rained quite often."

Mandela defends order to 'kill Zulus if necessary'

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) — South African President Nelson Mandela yesterday defended his instruction to African National Congress guards last year to repel an Inkatha Freedom Party attack "even if they had to kill people".

Opening a rowdy parliamentary debate on the so-called Shell House massacre, he said the clash in which eight people died outside ANC headquarters in central Johannesburg on March 28, 1994, occurred in a context of intense conflict.

The eight were among at least 55 people killed in and around Johannesburg during a march by Zulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party supporters to oppose the terms of the

country's first all-race elections a month later.

Mandela, who has been locked in an increasingly bitter conflict with Buthelezi over the past two months, acknowledged for the first time in the Senate last week that he gave ANC guards the authority to kill Inkatha attackers if necessary.

"Shell House was not a bolt from the blue," he told parliament on Wednesday.

"Before the march on that day, the ANC had received information that some of the marchers were to be directed to attack Shell House, destroy information and kill members of the leadership."

Mandela said he warned then

president F.W. de Klerk and police about the threat, but no action was taken.

"The surging columns on Shell House, away from the routes to their destination, the shots fired and the fact that the few policemen deployed there decided to run away gave credence to the information we had gathered," he said.

Mandela said it was in that broad context that he instructed ANC guards to protect Shell House "even if they had to kill people."

He added: "This is nothing more or less than a statement of the common law right to self-defense."

Coroner in Simpson trial tells of gruesome details in murder case

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — Nicole Brown Simpson's head was lifted by her long blonde hair as she lay unconscious face down on the ground and her throat was slit from ear to ear, almost severing her head from her shoulders, a coroner testified on Tuesday.

In one of the most dramatic moments in the highly charged double-murder trial of football hero O.J. Simpson, Los Angeles Coroner Dr. Lakshmanan Sathiyavagiswaran demonstrated how the football hero's ex-wife died. Pulling on prosecutor Brian Kelberg's hair to expose his neck, he moved a ruler across it from left to right to replicate the slicing motion of the killer's knife.

Tears welled in Simpson's eyes and he looked visibly distressed during the demonstration.

As Sathiyavagiswaran gave his testimony, the jury was shown gruesome photographs of Nicole Simpson's slashed neck, taken from several angles. The jurors craned their necks to see the pictures, shown on a board set at an

angle so it was not visible to the gallery of reporters and spectators.

Describing the injuries, Sathiyavagiswaran said the main arteries in Nicole Simpson's neck were severed, including the two carotid arteries and the jugular vein.

Sathiyavagiswaran said there was "no resistance whatsoever when the wound was inflicted," adding he believed Nicole Simpson was unconscious when the deadly blow was delivered.

The coroner described the knife used in the attack on Nicole Simpson and Goldman as likely being 15 cm long and 2 cm in depth at the hilt.

The victims, he said, bled to death after being stabbed many times by such a weapon. Sathiyavagiswaran said some of the wounds could have been inflicted by a double-edged knife, but his opinion was that only one single-edged knife was used in the June 12, 1994, killings.

The defense has floated the theory that Nicole Simpson and

Goldman were killed by a Colombian drug gang and that there was more than one killer.

Sathiyavagiswaran's testimony capped a day of high drama in which two black female alternate jurors joined the panel, replacing two jurors dismissed by Judge Lance Ito 24 hours earlier and leaving only two alternate panelists.

The reconstituted jury also heard the coroner recite a litany of errors in the autopsies of Simpson's ex-wife and Goldman, but the chief medical examiner said none of them affected the final results of the examinations.

The replacement jurors, a 28-year-old married postal worker and a 24-year-old single hospital worker, altered the composition of the panel to nine blacks, two whites and one Hispanic, with ten females and two males on the jury.

With the trial still months from completion, only two alternate jurors remain. Legal experts see a definite possibility of a mistrial.

New ravens at Tower of London

LONDON (Reuters) — Two new ravens began their duties yesterday at The Tower of London, where legend has it that the birds' departure would spell the end of the British monarchy.

They were flown in from the moors of the Outer Hebrides off Scotland. Islanders were delighted to see them leave as ravens prey on sick ewes and lambs.

Munin and Hugin, named after the ravens of Norse god Odin, replaced a pair which turned nasty after a troubled mating season. The 17th-century monarch Charles II decreed that the Tower should never have less than eight ravens because an old Roman legend said that if they vanished from the fortified citadel, the monarchy would end.

The two new arrivals have been well accepted by the six other raven residents, keepers said. But they are taking no chances — their wings have been clipped like all the others which live at the Tower.

WORLD BRIEFS

Two Frenchmen Killed in Algiers

ALGERS (AP) — Three assailants yesterday shot to death a French couple in their sixties, then walked calmly away. Islamic extremists were blamed for the killings, which brought the death toll among foreigners to 84.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which authorities blamed on "terrorists," the word they use for Islamic extremists waging an insurgency that has left an estimated 30,000 people dead in three years.

Iraq upholds sentences against Americans

NICOSIA (AP) — An Iraqi court has upheld the eight-year prison sentences of two Americans convicted of illegally entering Iraq, an Iraqi newspaper said yesterday. The appeals court upheld the sentences but said another appeal had been filed, according to *al-Jumhuriyya*, a government newspaper. The court suggested, however, that the sentences would not be overturned.

Boeing 777 takes off

LONDON (AP) — The first commercial flight by a Boeing 777, the world's biggest twin-engine jet, took off on time yesterday en route to Washington.

United Airlines Flight 921 got a champagne sendoff before leaving London's Heathrow Airport on the inaugural flight of the last new model airplane that Seattle-based Boeing Co. will develop this century. All 292 seats were full on the flight, with many of them taken up by United executives, journalists and airplane buffs who wanted to help make a bit of history.

Enola Gay tailgunner Bob Caron dies

DENVER (AP) — Bob Caron, tailgunner on the Enola Gay when the US B-29 bomber dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima 50 years ago, has died at age 75. Caron once said that while the first use of an atomic bomb against human targets might have changed history, it did not change him. "No remorse, no bad dreams," he said in an interview published May 29 in the *Rocky Mountain News*. "We accomplished our mission."

Cadillac man Victor Potamkin dead at 83

NEW YORK (AP) — Victor Potamkin, a Depression-era chicken salesman who became the biggest Cadillac dealer in the world, died Monday at Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami. He was 83. A New York City resident, Potamkin and his two sons controlled 50 Cadillac franchises that stretched from New York to Florida.

Russia forces regroup to attack Chechen bases

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russian forces regrouped yesterday for further attacks on the remaining rebel strongholds in Chechnya, and Britain berated Moscow for the military campaign in which countless thousands of people have been killed.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, who has generally taken a more moderate line on Chechnya than other members of the

Russian leadership, promised no let-up in the drive to crush the region's independence.

"A band of people" could not be allowed to thumb their noses at the whole of Russia, Itar-Tass news agency quoted Chernomyrdin as saying.

A Russian military official said troops would press ahead with offensives against the villages of

Shatoi and Nozhai-Yurt, probably in about two days time, after the seizure of the rebel bastion of Vedeno over the weekend.

The Chechen military command, quoted by Interfax news agency, said Russian forces using artillery and grenade and rocket-launchers stepped up attacks on the western village of Bamut yesterday.

British Prime Minister John

Major added his voice to foreign criticism of the military campaign launched six months ago when Moscow sent troops and armor into the territory.

A spokesman said Major, during talks in London with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, "expressed concern about the death toll and the severe humanitarian effects on the civilian population."

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The Golan water problem

NOW that the government has, in effect, announced its readiness to relinquish the whole Golan (which is why the Syrians find the latest Israeli pronouncement "encouraging"), the US-mediated talks are focusing on security matters. Yesterday's "breakthrough" was Syria's agreement to send the chief of staff of its armed forces, who was negotiating with American mediator Dennis Ross yesterday, to discuss security arrangements with his Israeli counterpart. The government, aware that it can make total withdrawal palatable to the Israeli public only if security arrangements appear to be satisfactory, is giving the matter top priority.

But, as several observers among government supporters have pointed out, military security is not the only issue which must be resolved before Israel can allow the Golan to be reoccupied by Syria. As veteran commentator Ze'ev Schiff put it in an article published yesterday in *Ha'aretz*, "far more important than when the Israeli flag will be raised over Israel's embassy in Damascus is the question of Israel's water sources... It is a subject of supreme strategic importance."

For over 40 years, disputes over water have played at least some role in the Israel-Syria conflicts, says Schiff, and unless a satisfactory agreement on water sources can be reached, the retreat from the Golan may be a prescription for war. Conversely, a good arrangement may actually promote peace and cooperation.

What must be ensured is that there will be no damming, diversion or pollution of the waters flowing to Israeli territory. But even more dangerous is the prospect of a Syrian claim to part of the Sea of Galilee, if for no other reason than as a quid pro quo for letting the Banias flow into the lake.

As Schiff says, "Though wholly within Israeli territory, the Sea of Galilee may become an international lake...it must be remembered

that what is at stake is Israel's only large natural water reservoir, and it would be an enormous strategic blunder to permit partners into it."

Like the security arrangements, the water problem points to the fundamental paradox of the negotiations. On the one hand, the government and its supporters keep reassuring the public that peace with Syria will signal the dawn of a new era in the Middle East. Not only will there be a "normalization" of relations with the Damascus regime, but the relationship between Israel and its neighbors will be similar to those which obtain between the countries of the European Union. As Foreign Minister Shimon Peres likes to put it, we are going to have a Middle Eastern Benelux here.

On the other hand, at least some government officials keep promising that the peace agreement will include safeguards to prevent the very real and grave dangers to Israel's vital interests that withdrawal from the Golan may pose. It is difficult to imagine any of the Benelux states having such concerns.

A concise description of what should be the negotiators' basic concern is provided by another supporter of the government's policies, former army intelligence chief Shlomo Gazit, who was an early negotiator with the PLO. In a column slated for publication on this page tomorrow, he states: "Our basic premise must be that in the foreseeable future (at least for some generations) the Arab world, including Syria, would be glad to see Israel disappear if only strategic facts would change."

Both Syria's dictator Hafez Assad and Israel's leaders like to refer to the Arab-Israeli rapprochement as the peace of the brave. It must take a special kind of courage, whose logic eludes most mortals, to deposit Israel's strategic assets and vital water sources in the hands of those who "would be glad to see Israel disappear."

Security forces' success

THAT earlier this week the General Security Service and the army managed to apprehend 45 Hamas members who had planned terrorist actions against Israeli civilians is, of course, good news. Apparently, the loss of sources in the Gaza District and elsewhere has been compensated for by new and more efficient modes of intelligence gathering and by closer collaboration between the GSS and army intelligence.

In the past six months, over 4,000 suspected Islamic terrorists and their accomplices have been arrested, which is at least partly responsible for the lull in terrorist activities. Though the military units of Hamas and Islamic Jihad are carefully compartmentalized, the interrogation of the detainees has yielded impressive results. The planting of a car bomb in the center of Jerusalem and the hijacking of a bus for the purpose of releasing convicted terrorists were only two of the plots foiled by the arrests.

But there are aspects of this success that are far less encouraging. Perhaps most disturbing is that Israeli Arabs have been implicated in some of the plots - both in the Beduin town of Tel Sheva, where a truck full of explosives was being readied to wreak havoc in Beersheba, and in Jerusalem, where the leader of one of the units was Israeli Arab taxi driver Imman Magid Sider.

Just as worrisome is that Sider and other Islamic terrorists received their military training in Gaza, under the aegis of the Palestinian Authority, and that after "graduating" he planned the kidnapping of soldiers in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Lod. The more information the GSS gathered, the clearer it became that the Hamas

activists in Jerusalem are run by the Hamas organization and its Izzadine Kassam military wing in Gaza.

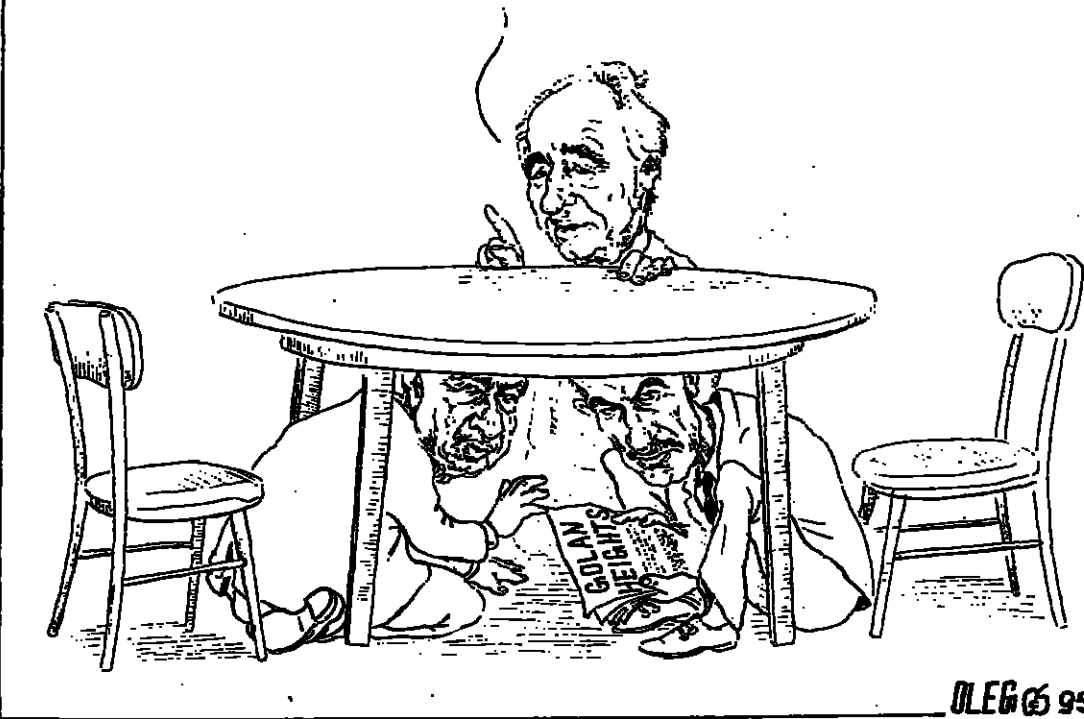
It is possible that PA chairman Yasser Arafat has persuaded the Islamic groups that it would be counterproductive to commit acts of terrorism before Israel evacuates the Arab population centers in Judea and Samaria. They may have been convinced that such attacks, instead of serving as a catalyst to hasten Israeli withdrawal, only make Israelis fear the consequences of such a withdrawal.

But what the latest roundups make clear is that if there is any agreement between Arafat and the Islamic groups it is only that they confine their terrorist activities to areas outside the self-rule zones. Except for a few token moves intended for the media and US public opinion, Arafat has made no effort to diminish the terrorist organizations' ability to plan attacks, recruit and train cadres, continue arming and preparing explosives, and preach hatred.

As Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Ami-Dror told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on Tuesday, once towns in Judea and Samaria are evacuated by the IDF, they will become sanctuaries and training centers like Gaza. And once the second stage of the Oslo agreement is implemented, the PA leaders will lose all motivation to curb terrorist activity even from areas controlled by them.

Israelis must realize, then, that if they have been spared terrorist strikes in the past two months, it is not thanks to Arafat's efforts, but to the spectacular success of the security services in hunting down and apprehending the terrorists.

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NEGOTIATIONS IS NOTHING BUT
NASTY, PROVOCATIVE SPECULATION



The Maxwell mystery

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

BROTHERS Kevin and Ian Maxwell, now being tried in London in one of Britain's greatest fraud cases, are accused of swindling pensioners who worked for their father's companies out of millions of pounds.

But one question - who killed tycoon Robert Maxwell? - hasn't even been raised.

After an autopsy carried out at the family's request, experts at the Abu Kabir forensic laboratory were certain: Maxwell sustained his injuries on his yacht, before he ended up in the sea.

"Everything pointed with clarity to a professional slaying by one or more skilled assassins... [injuries were] precisely to those parts of his body certain to cause death," we were told.

This was the second autopsy on Maxwell's body. The first, in Spain, was so superficial that Maxwell's widow took the unusual step of asking for another to be carried out in Israel.

In Berlin, we gained access to documents of the KGB and the Stasi, the former East German secret police. They indicated that Maxwell was just one name on a list of Israelis and Western Jews targeted by Palestinian terrorists in a campaign financed by Libya's Muammar Gaddafi, Syrian President Hafez Assad and Iranian leaders.

The trail leads back to the 1967 death of Charles Jordan, head of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Geneva, who drowned in Prague's Vltava River in what the police called "an accident or suicide."

But a Czech defector to the US revealed on February 5, 1974, that Jordan was really slain by the PLO.

Then there was the December 1973 shooting of Marks and Spencer chief and British Zionist Federation president Edward Sieff. It was preceded by the murder of Mossad operative Baruch Cohen by two terrorists in a Madrid street on January 26 the same year.

Other Jewish targets included Shlomo Argov, then Israeli ambassador in London, who was shot in June 1982, an incident which sparked Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

In October 1985 came the hijacking of the *Achille Lauro* by

jet over Lockerbie would be proved beyond question. A million dollars seemed little enough to silence Maxwell.

Gaddafi wasn't the only one to call upon Terpil's services. The American was also hired by former Ugandan dictator Idi Amin, who sought vengeance for the daring Israeli raid to rescue Jewish hostages at Entebbe in July 1976.

The target was a great friend of Israel, British-born Bruce Mackenzie, then a member of the Kenyan government. Mackenzie had played an important role in ensuring the success of the Entebbe operation.

Terpil planted a bomb inside a pair of antler's horns mounted in a hunting trophy which Amin gave to Mackenzie as a parting gift after an official visit to Uganda. The bomb went off in midair, killing Mackenzie. Israel honored his memory by planting 10,000 trees in his name in Galilee.

Terpil was also known to have trained not only PLO terrorists, but also those of Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council.

The past few years have seen an escalation in the killing of Diaspora Jews and Israelis. Examples are the 1992 bombing of the Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires; the blast at the Jewish community center in the Argentinian capital last summer (with over 100 deaths and many more injured); the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in London in the same period, followed within hours by the bombing of Balfour House, the London center of a number of Jewish and Israeli charities.

Arab involvement in these incidents was underlined this week when the British anti-terror squad arrested and charged three Palestinians for their role in the London attacks.

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The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East*.

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A bad mistake

GERALD STEINBERG

TOMORROW'S summit meeting in Cairo is a mistake, both for Yitzhak Rabin and the peace process. All it can do is illustrate the fragility of the relationship between Israel and Egypt, 16 years after the peace treaty.

For the past two years, President Mubarak and the Egyptian government have heaped abuse on Israel, slowed the peace process and attempted to strip Israel of its nuclear deterrent and all other defensive weapons. In the UN and other international forums, the Egyptians are seeking to return Israel to the international isolation of the 1970s and 1980s.

This is no time for yet another courtesy call in Cairo, particularly if Mubarak uses the opportunity to win domestic support by another attack on Israeli policies. Rabin should have rejected this invitation to Cairo, insisting that Mubarak finally come to Israel.

Egypt's policy of "cold peace" and the failure to implement the commitment to normalization that

Rabin is sending the wrong message by going to Cairo

was agreed in the 1979 Peace Treaty cast a deep shadow over the entire peace process.

Eighteen years after Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem, many members of the Egyptian leadership - including political figures, intellectuals, and the military - still regard Israel as "the enemy."

The Egyptian government has made travel to Israel very difficult, preventing the type of firsthand knowledge that might end the demonization of Israel that is still common.

The government-controlled press still employs the poisonous and hate-filled rhetoric from before Sadat's visit, calling Israel "expansionist" and "manipulative," warning of Israeli economic and military "dominance" and blaming Israel and the Jewish people for all the world's evils, from terrorism to AIDS.

Under these conditions, tomorrow's meeting in Cairo cannot "clear the air" or begin a new chapter in relations, as the American sponsors hope.

Before any further steps can be taken, Mubarak has to come to Israel, and the more he delays, the worse relations will become.

SINCE TAKING office after Sadat's assassination in 1980, Mubarak has not visited Israel at all - and this is the most visible manifestation of the absence of political courage or commitment.

Israel leaders have been to Egypt on many occasions, and President Weizmann made a state visit last year.

Although reciprocity is an important principle in diplomacy, Mubarak has rejected every Israeli invitation, claiming "the time is not right."

In going to Cairo under these conditions, Rabin is also undermining his own position in the context of negotiations with Syria.

The Israeli public will note that if relations with Egypt have not changed significantly after so many years, what hope is there that even with a complete withdrawal from the Golan, the Syrians will accept Israeli legitimacy and real peace?

While attention has been focused on negotiating security arrangements with Syria, the centrality of normalization, including open borders, diplomatic relations, and an end to the government-inspired hatred, has been neglected.

Recent efforts to move Assad toward normalization, including his televised press conferences with President Clinton and interviews by Foreign Minister Shara, have only illustrated Syria's continuing demonization of Israel.

If, despite the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai and the removal of settlements, relations with Egypt remain cold and tenuous, many Israelis will conclude that there is little to be gained by repeating the experience with Syria.

The canned images and reports from tomorrow's meeting in Cairo will stand in sharp contrast to the missing pictures from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PODHORETZ'S VIEWS

Sir, - Eric S. Block, in a column on your editorial page of May 17, writes of his earlier rejection of his "literary godfather" and "intellectual spokesperson on Israel," Norman Podhoretz. Podhoretz had expressed opinions concerning the dangers of the peace process in *Commentary* of April 1993. However, four years earlier (October 22, 1989), Podhoretz had made his fears adequately clear in a letter to *The New York Times* which appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* the following day. Here is a bit of what he said at that time:

"The odds are overwhelming that a PLO state would lead not to peace but to a series of wars."
"Even the status quo, difficult as it is for everyone, is preferable..."
"For the Israelis there is simply no choice. They will have to go on resisting with all their might the establishment of the Palestinian state that so many people are now hectoring them to accept."

MOSHE KAHAN

Jerusalem.

PARADE INCIDENT

Sir, - The controversial and unscheduled appearance of Shulamit Aloni at the pre-parade breakfast on May 21 now appears to have been part of a deliberate, well-orchestrated plan to discredit the traditional leadership of the Salute-to-Israel Parade and replace it with bodies controlled by the leftists in the Israel government.

It is universally well known that Shulamit Aloni is probably the most detested personality in Israeli politics in Israel because of her hostility to and constant attacks on Judaism, Zionism, the settlers, Americans in Eilat and her long-standing support of Arafat, the PLO and a Palestinian state. The parade committee publicly announced over radio station WMAA on Saturday night, in Consul General Colette Avital's presence, that a decision had been taken not to let Mrs. Aloni speak. Yet next morning an ultimatum was issued by the Israeli diplomats that unless Mrs. Aloni spoke, no Israeli representative would participate in the parade. Under this threat, one member of the committee, without consulting its chairman, gave in and let Mrs. Aloni speak. The pandemonium

and unprecedented protests which greeted her could of course have been predicted. They were provoked by the Israeli action bringing about disunity.

The lesson to learn from this provocation is that, in future, the Israeli government must consult with the Jewish community if a representative is acceptable to our community before sending that person to us. No government would think of sending an ambassador to another country before knowing that its candidate is acceptable to the host country. American Jews deserve the same courtesy.

DR. MANFRED R. LEHMANN
New York.

INDIAN MOVIES

Sir, - I refer to your report of May 26, "Bid to replace CNN with Indian cable movie channel in North." The president of Matav cable company claims that by giving the Indian movie channel, he will be giving the viewers better service. So why not give the Indian movie channel in addition to CNN and not replace it?

Rehovot.

EZRA RODDA

POSTSCRIPTS

A TRIP to the 1-0-0 (three points) lost a lawyer his Scrabble game and, he says, the tournament - so he sued the organizers.

Former British national champion Mike Goldman is suing the Association of Premier Scrabble Players for £5,000 in London, saying they did not warn him that a game could start while he was in the bathroom.

"This may appear to be a relatively trivial matter, but it is not," Goldman's lawyer told the court. Scrabble was Goldman's "recreation and an important part of his life."

Goldman had to struggle past five conference rooms, including one crowded with a convention of cowboys, until he made it to the overburdened toilets at the hotel in Folkestone in 1990.

Then he had to wait in line, and by the time he returned to start his next game, his opponent had begun - using all seven letters with the word "fanners" to achieve a score of 76 - and had started Goldman's clock.

The loss of four minutes of the 25 allocated to each player for moves per game, contributed to him losing the 90-player tournament, Goldman said.

Terrence Hollington, the tournament organizer, told the court that he told participants that a game could start in their absence.

The judge asked Hollington if

he had reconnoitered the hotel to find out where the toilets were.

"I don't consciously recall, sir, but I believe I might have done," Hollington said.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Guenter Knapp of Pforzheim, Germany, looks proud of his facial hair, which won the World Beard Championships. (AP)

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or the past two years, Mubarak and the Egyptian government have heaped accolades, slowed the peace process, attempted to strip Israel of all deterrent and all other weapons. In the U.S. international forums, Egyptian officials are seeking to return to the international scene. The 1970s and 1980s.

his is no time for yet another call in Cairo, particularly Mubarak uses the opportunity to demand support by Israel on Israeli policies. He would have rejected this invitation, insisting that Mubarak come to Israel.

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agreed in the 1979 Peace Treaty a deep shadow over the peace process.

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Hubby had best clear the air about long affair

DEAR RUTHIE

RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
My business has taken me abroad at least twice a month over the past 25 years. During all that time I carried on an affair with a woman, though I was and still am married. I have three grown children here. My mistress never married, but five years ago gave birth to our son, and I send her money for him regularly. My family knows nothing of this.

Recent health problems, as well as my (Israeli) son's now active part in the business, have made my trips far less frequent of late. Soon, I will travel only for vacation purposes. But then my wife will accompany me.

My mistress is now threatening to come here with our son if I stop coming to see her. What can I do?
Retiring Romeo
Somewhere in Israel

Dear RR,
A 25-year-old affair - especially with the mother of your child - constitutes virtual bigamy. That your mistress knew of your wife's existence, while your wife knew nothing of your mistress, is not reason enough to expect her to vanish when it suits you.

You can either "call her bluff" about coming here to pursue you, or you can preempt possible emotional blackmail by telling your wife the truth. If your mistress's threats are not empty, your wife is likely to find out anyway. But don't underestimate your wife. She may be well aware that you've been living a "double" life all these years. Perhaps it suited her in ways you cannot imagine.

Dear Ruthie,
Friends of mine found me an apartment in their building, at an excellent price, for which I was very grateful. They also helped find a contractor to renovate the place, and were very supportive. Two months ago, I moved in.

My problem is that they are always "dropping in." Every time they come up the stairs, they come to see how I'm doing. After all, they've done for me, I can't very well be rude or ungrateful. But it's getting out of hand. Can you help?

Killed with Kindness
Somewhere in Israel

Dear K with K,
Setting boundaries is one of

life's major trials. Ironically, it is harder on the imposer than on the imposed upon. You imagine that being occasionally unavailable to these friends would constitute some kind of affront. In fact, having your door locked to the outside world when it suits you is no more than exercising your right to privacy.

So instead of feeling guilty and believing you owe it to your friends/neighbors to entertain them every time they pop in, just go about your business as usual. If they arrive when you are doing something else, just say you're busy. Failure to do this will only prolong your misery and their bad habits. Starting now will help prevent hurting their feelings in the future.

Dear Ruthie,
My husband's father is in a nursing home. He is very old and senile. Every weekend, we visit him for an hour or so. He never recognizes us.

My husband is on army reserve duty next month, and may not have a single Shabbat free. He has asked me to visit his father by myself. I really don't see the point. What's more, it's hard enough for me as it is just managing with the kids when he is in the reserves. Driving to the nursing home, which is out of town, seems like going a bit too far. What do you think?

Weary Wife
Jerusalem

Dear WW,
It is not your place to judge to what degree your father-in-law recognizes you. Some part of him may be encouraged by these visits.

Your husband either senses this or is doing what he considers his duty, regardless of how his father perceives it. As such, your husband's request is not "going too far." However, if his reserve duty is a burden, you could visit the nursing home once or twice, say, instead of every Shabbat. This is a compromise both you and your husband should be able to live with.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)



Marriages get better with time

LIFE-STYLE

JACK SIRICA

IF conflict and rancor now buffet your marriage, there's hope: A new study says that couples who manage to remain together learn to get along better as they age.

The study by researchers at Stanford University, the University of Washington and the University of California, Berkeley, also appears to dash the long-held theory that emotions generally dampen with age. In fact, both positive and negative emotions remain intense throughout life, according to the new research.

Robert W. Levenson, a psychology professor at Berkeley, said the study does not show that aging by itself turns unhappy marriages into happy ones. But the study of more than 150 middle-aged and elderly couples does show that spouses, even those who remain unhappy with each other, learn to get along better, and it showed conclusively that the older couples were happier.

The research buttresses a developing theory in sociology and psychology that marriages tend to improve with time.

"You develop the ability to not lose sight of the love in the relationship, and to express it," said Levenson, who worked on the study with Laura Carstensen of Stanford and John Gottman of the University of Washington.

Levenson also said the "emotional quality" of the marriages of elderly spouses was "quite vibrant, which goes against the wisdom ... that old age is a time of decrement."

emotion in these older marriages," Levenson said. "There are very few areas where things don't decline, and this may be one."

Previous studies over the past four decades have ranged in their conclusions about how aging affects both marriages and emotions.

In the 1950s and 1960s, many researchers believed that marital satisfaction suffered an inevitable decline over the years. More recently, studies identified a pattern marking high levels of happiness at the outset of marriages followed by a decline in the child-rearing years and, afterward, an upswing.

growing body of ... evidence is painting quite a different picture," with studies now reporting an "intensity of emotion ... comparable for old and young people."

The new study, published in the journal *Psychology and Aging*, involved 156 couples from the Berkeley area.

The middle-aged couples, with a mean age of 44, had been married at least 15 years; the older couples had a mean age of 64 and been together for at least 35 years. All were in their first marriages; researchers deemed about 25 percent of the couples to be unhappy.

Open love, secret letter

BOOKS

JOCELYN McCLURG

THE LOVE LETTER by Cathleen Schine. Houghton Mifflin. \$19.95. 257 pp.

CATHELEEN Schine's new novel, *The Love Letter*, may be the best news for independent booksellers since *Griffin and Sabine*.

Schine's bright, witty comedy of manners unfolds in Horatio Street Books, an independent bookstore run by sexy, smart, fortysomething Helen MacFarquhar.

Helen is a seductress, one for whom "customer service" is an art form. Helen is also a flirt, and everybody in the Connecticut-like "picturesque seaside town" of Pequot is under her spell.

"Widowers looking for solace, divorced men still reeling from court ... wandered into the store looking for the latest novel by John Grisham and came out with two by Julian Barnes and Helen's phone number," Schine writes. Helen stood behind "the counter looking radiant, attracting customers like the Statue of Liberty attracting immigrants."

But Helen, who is happily divorced, is not above crouching behind the counter to avoid a customer she gushed over the week before. Sometimes she just can't bear the responsibility of being wonderful Helen.

Helen's little world - of which she is very much the center - turns topsy-turvy one morning when an oddly folded letter tumbles from her pile of mail. Addressed to "Goat" from "Ram," the highly literate love letter opens a delicious mystery. Who wrote it? To whom?

If it's for Helen, who could be her secret lover? Her married friend George, a psychiatrist? Her best friend and store manager Lucy? Miss Scattergoods, the librarian? Johnny, the college boy Helen has hired for the summer?

Quiet, observant Johnny notices Helen acting strangely, almost hysterically, as she piles collections of letters - Keats's letters, Joyce's letters, Violet Trefusis's letters to Vita Sackville-West - onto the store's front table. Johnny, 20, is smitten with Helen, 42. A crush, he thinks.

One night Helen invites Johnny, whose parents have left him home alone for the summer, to her house for dinner. Soon after, Helen stops by Johnny's house and accidentally sprays him, asleep on the lawn, with a hose. They end up in bed.

DELICATELY shifting points of view between Johnny and Helen, Schine nimbly charts their unexpected mutual passion and the doubts and joys of each.

There's nothing exploitative here; Schine is remarkably compassionate, tender and often quite funny about her May-December lovers.

Their secret affair runs smack into reality when Helen's beloved 11-year-old daughter Emily returns from camp and her mother Lilian and grandmother Eleanor arrive on the scene. For all her farcical dexterity, Schine in a few quick strokes deftly portrays the intense love and exasperation that coexist in a multigenerational household of females.

Helen is too busy making love to handsome Johnny to wonder why her mother has returned to Pequot.

By the time Schine unravels the mystery of the letter, we have been completely seduced by Helen, Johnny and the author.

With its amusing cast of minor characters, charming love story and overripe but precise prose, this should be the yuppie beach book of the summer.

(The Hartford Courant)

Easily mounted wheels let you turn the tables ... into carts

FIX IT YOURSELF

TAL KATZ

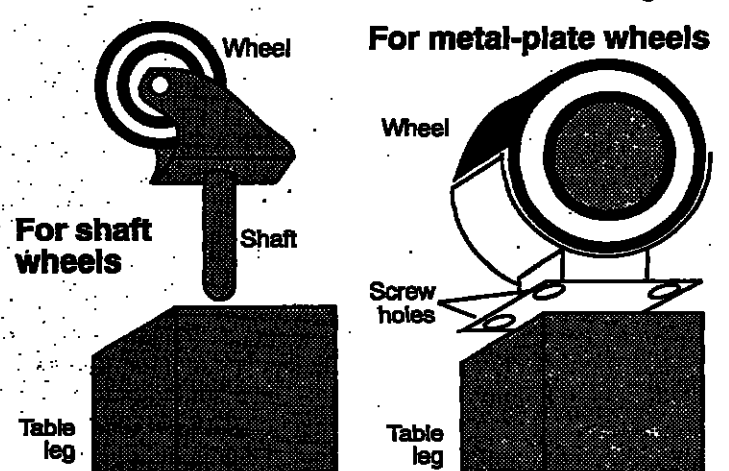
YOU found a lovely old table at a fabulous flea market. It was such a bargain that you couldn't resist buying it. But now that you've got it home, you can't seem to find the right spot for it. It's too tall for a coffee table, too large for an end table, too small for a TV.

What it would really be perfect for, you muse, would be a tea cart. Alas, it has no wheels. Cheer up, installing them is a snap.

There are three main types of wheels you can buy at any hardware store: the standard flat kind found on supermarket wagons; the spherical type; and the side-by-side paired wheels.

Each type comes in a range of sizes, and has either a flat metal plate with four holes for screw mounting, or a single cylindrical shaft on a pivot.

Select the type of wheel according to size, durability and, of course, taste. Select the type of



attachment device according to the shape and function of the item of furniture. For example, for a TV stand, you'd be wise to install the double-wheel variety which has weight-bearing durability. Though the "supermarket cart" variety is also very strong, it is less decorative.

It is easier to install wheels which come with metal-plate attachments, but the bottom surface of the legs has to be large enough to accommodate them.

The legs have to be larger than the plates; if they are the same size, the screws will be inserted too close to the edge of the leg, splitting the wood. It is also not a good method if the underside of the item in question is of thin plywood (diki).

Unless there is room to ensure the insertion of at least three of the four screws into hard wood, use the other method. Plywood is

not "meaty" enough to keep screws in place after weight is applied.

In the above cases, the cylindrical shaft method is better. The shaft is smooth - that is, it has no screw thread - with a pivot through its center. The shaft is inserted into the leg or corner of the furniture, and the pivot allows for movement of the wheel.

Though wheels can be installed on items made of metal and plastic as well, this column can only be attached to wood.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

Enough wheels (galgalim) for the item, NIS 3 to NIS 6 each; screwdriver (mavreg) of the right size and slot for the screws, 2 to 2.5 centimeters long, with a head a bit larger than the holes in the plate, and a thread which inserts easily through the holes; awl (marze'a); drill (makdeha) - only for the cylindrical shaft method - and metal bit (makdeah barzel) 1/2 millimeter smaller than the shaft (ask the salesperson to measure the diameter of the shaft for you. If unable to find a bit this size, purchase one the exact size

of the shaft, but follow instructions below in case the hole ends up being too large); pencil; hammer (patish) - only for installing the shaft-mounted wheel.

DIRECTIONS

For metal-plate wheels: Turn the piece of furniture upside-down, after emptying its contents. If there are rubber buffers (for protecting floors from scratching), prize them off with the screwdriver; if attached with screws, unscrew. Place the metal plate at one corner not too close to the edge, so the screws don't split the wood when inserted. Trace the four holes of the plate onto the wood with a pencil. If the center is plywood, three holes on the outer walls are usually sufficient.

Remove the plate. With the awl, start each hole (with a push and twist movement of the wrist). Replace the plate, and drive a screw through each hole. Repeat for each corner.

For shaft wheels: Turn the piece of furniture upside-down. Remove buffer, if any, as above.

Make an x-mark with the pencil on the center of the leg, for example.

Drilling here is tricky, as you need a deep hole, 5 to 6 cm., which is about 1/4 cm. more than the length of the shaft; it must be absolutely centered and perpendicular and drilled through a narrow space. Drill on low speed for precision. Hold the drill steady or the bit will come through the side of the leg.

Insert the shaft by hand, either by pushing down on the wheel, or lightly tapping the base of the shaft with a hammer and screwdriver until the shaft is completely inserted. The shaft does not have to be wedged tightly in the wood.

If the shaft slips too easily into the hole you drilled, the hole is a bit too wide. Rectify this by applying a tiny amount of epoxy glue inside the hole before inserting the shaft. Allow to dry before use.

If you have a question, or can suggest simple solutions to annoying problems, write to: Fix It Yourself, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.



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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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IMF report paints pessimistic picture of economy's prospects

THE country's ballooning balance of payments gap and rapid rate of underlying inflation, together with its costly pension reform plan cloud the economy's prospects, warns an International Monetary Fund (IMF) report issued yesterday.

"A disturbing aspect of these developments has been that the widening of the external current account balance has been accompanied by a marked decline in private sector savings that has outstripped the increase in the overall rate of investment," the annual report states.

The IMF takes exception at the government's pension reform plan "that will both seriously compromise future government budgets and considerably undermine the efficient functioning of the capital market."

As in previous years, the report criticizes the very slow pace of privatization, as well as the public sector wage rise and the increase in number of public sector jobs.

Taking a line from the Bank of Israel's gospel, the report calls for a balanced economic policy that requires fiscal restraint to curb domestic demand to avoid

JOSE ROSENFELD

putting the whole onus on interest rate policy.

If the government controls spending, the central bank will not be required to keep real interest rates high for a prolonged time or keep appreciating the shekel.

Nevertheless, the IMF notes that the Bank of Israel should not be in any rush to cut interest rates at the first sign of moderating inflation.

It points out that the central bank has already significantly cut rates since the beginning of the year, warning that overly frequent changes contribute to excessive swings in the economy.

Although the balance of payment deficit can still be covered through the US loan guarantee funds, such levels cannot be sustained over time. The IMF recommends that the government pursue policies that encourage savings to avoid a more disruptive correction later.

The report takes the government to task for last year's high rate of inflation.

"The increase in inflation to over 14 percent in 1994 has un-

dermined the credibility of the government's commitment to maintaining a low inflation environment," states the report.

It warns, further, that although prices have moderated during the first four months of the year, it "should not be interpreted as signaling that the battle against inflation has been won."

The report points to the country's high underlying inflation and its overheated economy as potential sources for a renewed rise in inflation.

The IMF recommends that the government and the Bank of Israel adopt a declining multi-annual inflation goal to replace the current annual goal as a means to reduce economic uncertainty.

The Treasury comes in for a drubbing for its "lack of ambition" in cutting the budget deficit this year, letting it rise to 2.75% of GDP compared with 2% last year, adding fuel to the already overheated economy.

The IMF calls for more ambitious deficit reduction efforts in next year's budget to help generate the savings needed to meet the government's pension fund obligations and the possibility that foreign aid will be cut.

Insurance firms consider leaving unprofitable car insurance field

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

INSURANCE companies will seriously consider leaving the automobile insurance field unless the cost of compulsory insurance premiums rises 20 percent or firms start selling 30% deductible auto theft policies, the head of Israel Insurance Association said yesterday.

Rimon Ben-Shaul, who is also Clal Insurance general manager, said insurance companies are expected to register NIS 600 million in losses this year as a result of car thefts.

According to police reports, there was a 44% increase to 10,600 in the number of cars stolen in the first four months this year from the corresponding period in 1994.

Car thefts cost the insurance

companies NIS 330m. last year. "If nothing is done to stop the wave of car thefts, insurance firms will have to raise premiums," Ben-Shaul said. "Today insurance firms' losses from this field reach 20%."

But he said the average car owner will not be able to pay for a 20% rise in premiums, which is expected to increase the average annual comprehensive and compulsory insurance policy to about NIS 5,000.

"I am in favor of selling deductible insurance policies, of up to 30%, as an alternative to raising premiums," Ben-Shaul said. "There will be two deductible items - one for thefts and the

other for accidents." Association director-general Shmuel Golumb said the problem is not just a criminal and economic one but is also political, saying 25,000 stolen vehicles are currently used by the Palestinians.

Golumb said recent police efforts to prevent car thefts has led to a significant reduction. Thefts fell 50% in Jerusalem and 30% in the South and central districts last month.

Insurance Association of Agents and Brokers chairman Shaul Pasternak yesterday sent a letter to the Knesset asking members to help solve the problem.

Total net profits in the first quarter for insurance companies

fell to NIS 26m. from NIS 83m. in the corresponding period last year, mainly as a result of losses in the compulsory automobile insurance sector.

Ben-Shaul predicted insurance firms will soon stop giving collective special discounts on car insurance policies.

In the non-life elementary sector, life insurance companies lost NIS 39m. in the first quarter, compared with a NIS 67m. profit during the same period last year.

The sector's non-insurance investments contributed NIS 54m. to total earnings.

In the life insurance sector, insurance firms had a 20% drop in profits to NIS 116m. The decrease was primarily due to La Nationale Insurance results.

Court issues injunction allowing Shapiras to keep keys to villa

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MK AVRAHAM Shapira and members of his family, the former owners of Carmel Carpets, can keep the keys to the company's Caesarea villa for now after the Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction against a ruling ordering them to turn them over.

Last week Tel Aviv District Court Judge Yishai Levit ruled that the Shapira family does not have ownership rights to the villa, valued at more than \$1 million.

He instructed the Shapiras to turn over the villa to the carpet conglomerate's liquidators within seven days.

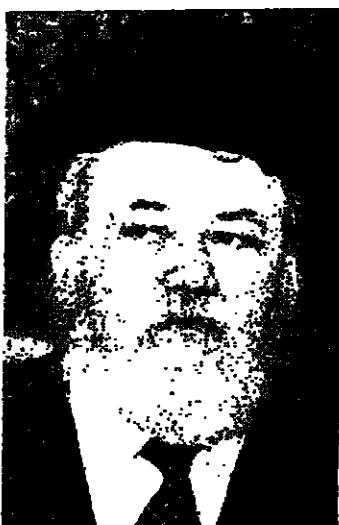
Judge Aharon Barak, deputy president of the Supreme Court, ruled to delay the transfer until several issues are resolved.

The injunction was issued at the request of Tova Shapira, Avraham Shapira's wife, who is not officially connected with the firm.

The request said it would be difficult to appeal the Tel Aviv District Court's decision if the keys are turned over to the liquidators and the villa is sold.

The request claimed that the Tel Aviv District Court was not authorized to make a ruling of this kind, that the Shapiras - not the company - are the owners of the villa and that it is registered lawfully under the Shapiras' name.

The Shapiras also claim they are entitled to a compensation for their investment in the villa, as they said the family financed its construction out of their personal funds.



Shapira: Insists he financed construction of villa from his own funds. (Israel Sun)

The villa is one of the targets in a NIS 1 billion suit the liquidators - attorney Yosef Cohen and accountant Ovadia Balas - filed against the Shapiras several months ago.

Carmel Carpets purchased the plot in 1972 and built a guest house for the firm's customers.

In 1984, a contract was signed whereby Carmel Carpets sold the villa to the Shapiras for the relatively low price of \$15,000 in lieu of dividends. But the change in ownership was never filed with the Land Registry.

After Carmel Carpets went into receivership in 1993 and later into liquidation, the liquidators demanded Shapira return the keys, saying the villa belonged to the company.

Import of apples okayed

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Agriculture Ministry approved the import of 500 tons of apples, representing one quarter of the country's weekly consumption, following the 70 percent rise in the price of apples last month.

The price of Granny Smith apples has risen to an all-time high of NIS 7.5 per kilo on the wholesale market, from NIS 4 last month. On the retail market, prices have jumped to NIS 12.

The moshav movement criticized the decision, saying they expect a large supply of apples on the market next week.

The apple growers plan to hold an emergency meeting today to protest the decision. The growers said the rise was due to a temporary shortage in supply between the winter and summer crops.

The apple growers said the fruit currently sold on the market comes from cold storage, and the price includes those expenses.

Most provident funds at FIBI, Hapoalim post positive real returns

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MOST First International Bank and Bank Hapoalim provident funds had positive real returns of between 0.3 percent and 0.5% in May, while half the funds achieved accumulated real yields in the first five months of the year.

Bank Hapoalim's funds achieved positive real yields of between 0.37% and 1.24% last month, while First International's funds achieved positive real yields of between 0.15% and 0.49%.

The other commercial banks are expected to publish their provident fund yields today.

Bank Hapoalim's Gadish, the largest fund in the country, achieved a real yield of 0.5% in May and a negative real yield of 0.3% during the first five months of the year.

First International's Maitav fund, the bank's largest fund, achieved a real yield of 0.49% last month and a positive yield of 0.11% since the start of the year.

The figures in full are as follows (all figures are real yields):

Bank Hapoalim Gadish, May +0.5%/five months -0.3%; Compensation, +0.52%/+0.23%; Keren Or, +0.37%/-0.24%; Kinneret, +0.47%/+0.01%; Redundancy Compensation, +0.44%/+0.27%; Aluma, +1.24%/+0.82%; Tautza, +0.78%/+1.74%.

First International Bank Maitav, +0.49%/+0.11%; Atidut, +0.45%/+0.12%; Keren Hasefa, +0.41%/+0.21%; Ha'melacha, +0.29%/+0.01%; Matan, +0.15%/+0.18%; P. International, +0.44%/+0.3%.

Total assets of mutual funds decrease 0.3% last month

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MUTUAL funds' total assets fell 0.3 percent to NIS 16.37 billion last month from NIS 16.42b. in April, despite their positive yields, Meltav Consultancy Firm reported.

Meltav said the drop in assets shows that the market continued to suffer from redemptions, even though May was a positive month for the entire capital market.

More than 80% of the mutual funds achieved positive real yields last month. The bond, share and treasury bill funds achieved

2.1% in positive real yields.

Mutual funds suffered redemptions of NIS 380 million in May, compared with NIS 317m. in April and NIS 257m. in March.

The highest redemptions were registered in the share and bond funds, which suffered redemptions of NIS 110m. in each sector.

Meltav said the rise in redemptions reflects investors' decision to reduce their exposure to

the capital market after having suffered large losses in 1994.

Ilanot Discount and First International's Dikla mutual fund company managed to increase their share of the market in May at the expense of the Bank Hapoalim Group.

At the end of the month, Bank Leumi held 34% of the market, Bank Hapoalim 29.7%, Discount 12%, First International 6.6% and Mizrahi 5.2%. Private brokers share of the market was 12.5%.

Turnaround in Fed rate seen after war on inflation

LONDON (Reuters) - The Federal Reserve's 16-month series of interest rate rises to wage war on inflation has ended and US monetary policy could start to ease by late September, according to a Reuters poll of economists.

Just two of 22 leading economists polled in the past week saw rates rising again this year. Recent US jobs data either caused many to alter their outlook or cement their views.

Eight of the economists forecast a half-point cut in the federal funds target rate, taking it to 5.5 percent by the end of 1995. And one forecast a year-end rate of 5%.

The Fed jolted bond markets in February 1994 when it first raised its federal funds target rate from 3%.

Since then the rate has doubled to 6%.

HG Pollak given OK to sell products in US

RACHEL NEIMAN

PHARMACEUTICAL manufacturer HG Pollak has been granted permission by the US Food and Drug Administration to sell its products in the US.

HG Pollak manufactures medical equipment, gloves and surgical dressings, notably Gel-X, a vaginal lubricant containing a known active ingredient which destroys the AIDS virus during sexual contact.

Gel-X is not an AIDS cure. Over the past two years the company has been embroiled in conflict with the Health Ministry

concerning the sale of Gel-X, which has not received approval and is not available on the local market.

Last October HG Pollak general manager Michael Porat was sentenced by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court to five months community service, a one-year suspended sentence and a NIS 30,000 fine for issuing misleading information to the TASE.

The charges, presented by the

Securities Authority, said that in 1992 HG Pollak announced Gel-X's manufacture and sale, despite the knowledge that the Health Ministry had ordered a halt in production.

The company is reportedly in the process of building a plant for the manufacture of Gel-X in China.

The company announced to the TASE it was not able to estimate what effect the FDA import permit would have on annual results. HG Pollak shares were not traded yesterday.

Discount expects slowdown in excess imports

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

A SLOWDOWN in excess imports of merchandise and services is expected in the second half of the year, reflecting economic stability and a rise in private savings, according to Bank Discount's economic division.

The bank's economists forecast the widening of the diagonal

band of the "crawling peg" from 5% to 7%, to prevent the Bank of Israel from interfering in the foreign currency market.

They predict this will lead to a revaluation of the shekel compared with the basket of

currencies.

The economists said they do not forecast another drop in interest rates on the Bank of Israel monetary tenders this year, but in 1996 they expect rates to fall 1.5 percentage points.

According to Bank Discount, annual inflation rate will be 8%.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (8.6.95)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	5.000	4.875	5.000
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	4.750	4.625	4.750
U.S. dollar (\$50,000)	4.500	4.375	4.500
U.S. dollar (\$25,000)	4.250	4.125	4.250
U.S. dollar (\$10,000)	4.000	3.875	4.000

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

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Spanish peseta (100)	2.4473	2.4688	2.40	2.53	2.4694	2.4694

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UPHILL FIGHT - Yankee great Mickey Mantle will undergo liver transplant.

Mantle has liver cancer

DALLAS (AP) - Former Major League Baseball great Mickey Mantle has liver cancer and is on a list to receive a transplant "within 3 to 4 weeks," his doctors said yesterday.

"It is our opinion that the tumor cannot be removed safely, that his condition continues to worsen, and that the only way to save his life is a transplant," Dr. Robert Goldstein said.

Doctors said the New York Yankees Hall of Famer also has hepatitis C and speculated that it was the result of blood transfusions Mantle received during past athletic-related surgeries.

"We've done a thorough examination, and there's no indication the cancer has spread," Hamilton said.

He said the tumor was caught in an early stage.

"He is well enough to have a transplant, but he is very sick," Hamilton said. "It will be very uncomfortable, but we're confident he will survive an operation."

Asked about Mantle's current condition, Hamilton said he needs no life support equipment.

"He is very weak. He cannot get out of bed on his own. His jaundice is very far advanced," Hamilton said.

Goldstein said a liver trans-

plant is by far the most difficult of all organ transplants. "The liver has a thousand functions. These are very difficult to maintain during a transplant," he said.

Goldstein added that there is no doubt "that Mantle's past drinking has played a factor in his present condition. Hopefully this will help people reconsider their lifestyle and their heavy alcoholic use."

Mantle's physical condition - a lifelong battle with osteomyelitis that nearly crippled his legs and countless injuries - were the greatest obstacles he overcame in his storied career.

Even in retirement, Mantle led life in the fast lane, never knowing whether the same disease that killed his father would catch up with him at an early age.

Mantle was the only male member of his family to live past 41. His father died at 41 and his grandfather at 40 from Hodgkin's disease. Son Billy died of a heart attack in 1994 at 36.

Mantle retired from baseball at age 37 after the 1968 season, finishing his career with 536 homers, eighth on the all-time list.

Mantle was widely quoted as saying, "If I had known I was going to live so long, I would have taken better care of myself."

Rifle competition opens Hapoel games

GERMANY'S Torsten Karves won the 50-meter prone rifle competition as the 15th Hapoel Games opened last night in Herzliya.

Karves, the European champion, beat Israeli Edy Papirov and Boris Falk, with a score of 696.5. Falk is the world champion in the air rifle.

In the women's 50m competition, Donya Beilberz from Germany finished first with 584 points ahead of Israeli's Nurit Shalah with 580. Julie Malcolm from Great Britain was third with 579.

In the air pistol, Israeli Alex Tripolsky won with 682.6 points. Germans Jan Wendel (671.6) and Daniel Elmar (671.3) were second and third. Zlita Kasanova of Azerbaijan won first place in the women's event, scoring 379 points.

Blackhawks down 3-0

CHICAGO (AP) - Vladimir Konstantinov put the Detroit Red Wings within one victory of their first Stanley Cup finals appearance in 29 years.

Konstantinov beat Chicago goalie Ed Belfour on a soft shot from just inside the blue line 9:25 into the second sudden death overtime as Detroit defeated Chicago 4-3 Tuesday night to take a 3-0 lead in their Western Conference Finals.

Trying to break the NHL's longest Stanley Cup drought - 40 years - Detroit is 11-1 in the playoffs as it aims for its first trip to the championship series since

1966. It can clinch the final berth with a win in Chicago tonight.

"The fourth game's always the toughest," said Detroit goalie Mike Vernon, who made 10 of his 26 saves in the extra periods.

"Chicago is not going to lay down. They'll come out hard at us like they did tonight."

Only twice in NHL history has a team blown a 3-0 lead in a best-of-7 series. Detroit lost to Toronto in 1942 and Pittsburgh lost to the New York Islanders in 1975.

Last night, Philadelphia was at New Jersey for Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals. New Jersey leads the series 2-0.

SCOREBOARD

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL - **TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:** San Francisco 2, New York 1; Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 1 (8); Atlanta 17, Chicago 3; Florida 7, Houston 4 (11); Colorado 5, St. Louis 4; Los Angeles 15, Montreal 1; San Diego 4, Philadelphia 0. **TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS:** Cleveland 4, Detroit 3; California 12, Boston 3; Baltimore 12, Seattle 6; Texas 2, Kansas City 1; Chicago 6, Toronto 4; Oakland 4, New York 4; Milwaukee 13, Minnesota 5.

The Sports Pages are edited by Joseph Hoffman

Romania wins mudbath battle in Bucharest

DEREK FATTAL and ORI LEWIS

GROUP 1 leaders Romania scored a 2-1 win over Israel in their European Championship qualifier in Bucharest last night.

With the win, Romania increases its lead atop Group 1 with 17 points. Israel falls to fourth behind France and Poland, who beat Slovakia 5-0 last night.

In order for Israel to stand a chance of qualifying for the finals in England next year, it must win all three remaining games, two of which are away - to Slovakia and France.

The visitors' loss, although expected, was disappointing in the light of their excellent performance.

It was a gutsy, well-balanced showing by Israel and was even more impressive in light of the fact that coach Shlomo Scharf had to make five changes in the side due to injuries.

The Romanians had an extra player on their side at Steaua Bucharest's stadium last night - the rain.

The torrential downpour throughout the 90 minutes made many parts of the pitch waterlogged making accurate passing impossible. Yet, the Israelis were determined to have a go.

Knowing they had nothing to lose, the visitors played an open game in which all 11 players committed themselves to the full. Israel's replacement players filled the boots of the first-string absen-



STAMPEDE - Romania's Ilie Dumitrescu leaps over Israel's Nir Klingner

tees extremely well.

All the way from the back, where Rafi Cohen did an excellent job in goal by replacing Bonnie Ginsburg. In defense, Amir Shalah and central defender Gadi Brumer performed well above themselves; and up front, Ofer Mizrahi and Eli Draks constantly troubled the Romanians.

The loss of Haim Revivo and Ronny Rosenthal was hardly

noticeable. The Romanians, for their part, played a slightly complacent game, expecting to overcome Israel with relative ease.

The first goal, by Marins Lacatus after 15 minutes was the one serious attempt at either end in the first half. But following that strike, Israel took control and forced the pace on the Romanians.

The second half was much more evenly balanced, and when Israel equalized five minutes after the restart through a goal by Eyal Berkowitz, it seemed as if an upset was possible.

The Romanians' first goal came in the 15th minute from an interception in midfield which completely surprised the Israeli defense.

With lightning speed, the ball

was played down the left flank then whipped diagonally across to the right edge of the box for the poaching Lacatus to collect completely free of any blue-shirted defender.

With just 'keeper Cohen to beat, Lacatus let loose a fierce ground-hugging shot that went through Cohen's outstretched hands and into the net. The Israeli calls for offside went unheeded while the Romanians celebrated.

The Israelis quickly restored their poise and attempted to wipe out the goal deficit. Alon Hazan, who had a superb game, marshaled a tidy wall pass with Berkowitz only to see his attempt on goal safely collected by Bogdan Steles between Romania's posts.

At the beginning of the second half, Israel's Marco Balbul came on as substitute for injured defender Felix Halfon. The Israelis began in a positive mood with Mizrahi almost managing to spring clear of the Romania's off-side trap.

The decisive goal came in the 65th minute from a free kick by Dorinel Munteanu awarded for an over-zealous challenge by Draks on Lapu straight in front of goal.

European Nations' Championship qualifying group 1

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Romania	7	5	2	0	15	6	17
France	6	3	4	0	6	10	10
Poland	6	3	1	2	12	7	10
Israel	7	1	2	4	11	9	5
Slovakia	6	1	2	3	8	15	5
Azerbaijan	6	0	0	6	2	18	0

Bruguera, Chang advance to semis

PARIS (AP) - Sergi Bruguera and Michael Chang, with three French Open titles between them, moved to a semifinal showdown with straight-sets victories yesterday.

Bruguera, seeded seventh and shooting for his third straight title, advanced with a 6-2, 7-5, 6-2 victory over Renzo Furlan, who was battling leg and back injuries.

Chang, the sixth-seeded 1989 champion, downed 128th-ranked qualifier Adrian Panaitescu 7-5, 6-0, 6-1 in another one-sided quarter-final match.

Voinea, who had ousted third-seeded Boris Becker in the third round, held two set points in the ninth game but squandered both of them.

Discouraged by the wasted opportunity, Voinea let his game collapse and Chang won the next 12 games. The American converted his third match point just as a rain shower began over Center Court.

"He looked a bit dejected after the first set. I didn't want to get confused about what I wanted to continue doing. I didn't want the tide to turn," Chang said.

Chang reached the semifinals here for the first time since winning the tournament in 1989, when he became the youngest champion in the history of Grand Slam events. He was

then 17 years and three months old.

Voinea, 20, was the first qualifier to make the French Open quarter-finals since 1990 and the first Romanian to get to that stage since Ilie Nastase in 1977.

He was bidding to join none other than John McEnroe as the only qualifier to reach the semifinals of a Grand Slam event.

Bruguera did just enough to prevail over the hobbling Furlan.

Furlan took a three-minute injury timeout after the first game of the second set while ATP trainer Bill Norris sprayed his left hamstring and put a special tight elastic strap around it.

The Italian resumed playing and fought valiantly but he was obviously hampered in his movements and Bruguera won without having to extend himself.

Furlan did not blame the injury for his defeat, however. The "big trouble," he said, was Bruguera's forehand that kept moving him around the court.

Bruguera blasted to a 5-0 lead but had trouble keeping his concentration and the uninspiring match did little to brighten the mood under a gloomy sky.

Furlan was in the first Grand Slam quarter-final of his career and was the first Italian to

reach that round at Roland Garros since Corrado Barazzutti in 1980.

Bruguera has now compiled a 19-match winning streak at Roland Garros. His last loss here dates back to 1992, when he lost in the first round to Ivan Lendl.

The tournament lost top-ranked Andre Agassi, who said he was hampered by a hip injury in a three-set loss to Yevgeny Kafelnikov Tuesday.

The defeat ended Agassi's Grand Slam winning streak at 18 matches and dashed his dream of winning the only Grand Slam crown still missing from his collection.

For the second year in a row, none of the top four seeded players made the semifinals.

In the second semifinal tomorrow, Kafelnikov will try to stop Thomas Muster's 33-match clay winning streak. Muster is seeded fifth and is the highest-ranked player left in the tournament.

The women's semifinals are scheduled for today and feature four players who have not lost a set in their first five matches here.

Top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the defending champion, will play ninth-seeded Kimiko Date, and No. 2 Steffi Graf, a three-time champion, will play fourth-seeded Conchita Martinez.

Ince looks Inter-bound

MILAN (Renter) - Italy's Internazionale, seeking to reestablish itself among the European elite, said yesterday it had agreed to a deal with Manchester United to sign England midfielder Paul Ince.

A club spokesman said that an agreement was reached between the two clubs in Manchester last night. He added that Inter was now discussing personal terms with the player and hoped he would sign by today.

In other news, Queens Park Rangers striker Les Ferdinand became British soccer's second most expensive player yesterday when he joined Newcastle United for \$6 million.

The price paid for Ferdinand has been exceeded only by the \$7m Manchester United paid for Newcastle striker Andy Cole.

Ferdinand's decision to sign will disappoint Aston Villa, which was first to agree to the asking price and met Ferdinand last weekend.

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Shetreet: State must offer alternative marriage

THE state will inevitably have to provide "alternative ways of marriage" for Jews who, because of halachic reasons, are forbidden from marrying other Jews, Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet said yesterday.

He was speaking at a press conference he called to unveil a new procedure to deal with a controversial ministry list of people who, for halachic reasons, are barred from marrying other Jews.

Shetreet said there are currently some 4,150 names on the list, but that, according to "unofficial estimates," some 100,000 people are "eligible" for inclusion. Among those are children born within forbidden marriages (*mamzerim*), and women who had an adulterous relationship and as a result cannot remarry their husbands or marry the man they had the relationship with.

"If we say that people cannot

get married [according to halacha]," Shetreet said, "the state will have to provide them with some kind of alternative. We may have to pay them to go to Cyprus, the Egyptian consulate, or Jordan. But we will have to provide them with some alternative." He stopped short of advocating civil marriage here.

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He compared the need to provide alternative ways of marriage with the need for alternative burials because of the number of non-Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union who, according to halacha, cannot be buried in Jewish cemeteries.

Since talking office earlier this year, Shetreet has set out to

change the process of inclusion on the list of those unable to marry, because it had been done secretly, without the person knowing about it, and sometimes on the basis of rumor. Shetreet had to fight with other ministry officials to even see the list.

Under the new reform, people will only be included on the list after being given the right to appeal. The minister will appoint a

registrar, who will have the status of a magistrate's court judge and will decide on the status of the individuals in question only after having received "concrete evidence."

Regarding those currently on the list, Shetreet said they will be notified of this and also be given the right to appeal. He said he expects the list will get smaller once the new procedures are put into practice.

Labor council secretaries may quit Labor and join with Levy

LABOR council secretaries from all over the country may quit the Labor Party and support David Levy if he forms a new party to run in the next Knesset elections.

At a meeting of the labor council secretaries yesterday, many of them demanded to meet Levy, to discuss the possibility of cooperating with him, feeling that Labor had "abandoned" them when Haim Ramon's Ram faction took over the Histadrut.

The labor council secretaries leadership forum chairman, Pini Kabbalo of Beit She'an, warned Labor that "many secretaries, workers' unions and activists in development towns and the central region feel that the party leadership has left them wounded in the battlefield and is ignoring workers' issues."

"These people feel completely

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cut off from Labor and the Histadrut, and may join a new party running on the banner of social and economic issues," he said.

Kabbalo would not discuss inviting Levy to a meeting at this stage, since it is not yet clear whether he will form a new party.

The secretaries condemned the Histadrut's intention to fire dozens of the labor council workers and said they would fight the dismissals.

They noted that they agreed to cutbacks when they were necessary, but claimed the new wave of planned dismissals are politically motivated, and meant to make room for political appointments and Ram activists.

The secretaries said that Ram officials in the Histadrut execu-

tive are building up their power bases before the next Knesset elections, by hiring their activists for jobs vacated by fired employees. They stressed that while the Histadrut justifies dismissals with the excuse of budgetary cutbacks, it is hiring new workers for exorbitant wages.

Speakers at the meeting blasted the acting director of the comptroller's office, Aliza Schloss, and the Histadrut's legal adviser Yaron Kedar for the "witch hunt" against labor secretaries which do not belong to Ram.

The charged that the comptroller's office has no supervision policy and instead acts on politically motivated anonymous complaints.

'Stable democracies do not elect prime minister directly'

EVELYN GORDON

MORE than 90% of the world's stable democracies do not directly elect their prime minister, while more than 90% of the world's failed democracies did, Prof. Avraham Diskin, of Hebrew University's political science department, said yesterday.

Diskin was speaking at a press conference sponsored by the Movement for Quality Government in Israel, which - despite having been in the forefront of the movement for changing the electoral system - advocates postponing implementation of the direct election law unless other constitutional changes are made as well. These include enacting human rights legislation, authorizing the Supreme Court to act as a constitutional court, and direct elections of MKs.

"We always opposed a partial solution," said movement chairman Eliad Shraga. "But over the past

three years, no other constitutional step has been taken ... and there must be an overall reform. There's no such thing as half-and-half, as a constitutional mishmash."

The movement also wants a major change in the direct elections law itself: a clause forbidding no-confidence votes unless the sponsors propose an alternative government with enough votes to pass, and unless 70 MKs support the no-confidence motion. Otherwise, Shraga said, if the prime minister does not have a parliamentary majority, he will be even more at the mercy of small parties to survive no-confidence votes than he is today.

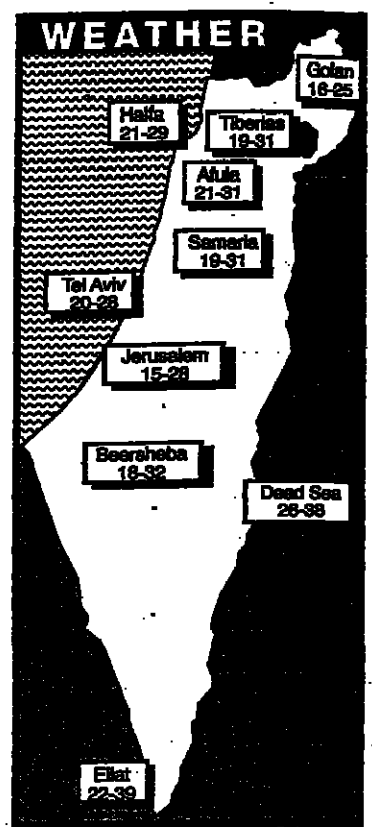
Diskin, who is not a member of the movement, went even farther, however, calling the law a "constitutional disaster."

The reason, he said, that direct

election of the prime minister has been the death of so many democracies - ranging from pre-World War II governments, such as the Weimar Republic and Poland, to many Latin American republics more recently - is the instability created by a prime minister fighting for control with a parliament dominated by the opposition.

The US is virtually the only exception, he said, and it has managed to escape because it has no concept of factional discipline.

Diskin said that much of the support for the current law stems from narrow political considerations: Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's hope that he could capture the prime ministership even if Labor fails to get a Knesset majority, and Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu's belief that direct elections will work in his favor.



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Scientists sail with Eritrea colleagues

JUDY SIEGEL

RESEARCHERS from three local universities have returned from a joint voyage on the Red Sea with counterparts from the University of Asmara in Eritrea.

Several of the participants called it a breakthrough in relations between the two countries.

The Israeli team, made up of scientists from Hebrew, Bar-Ilan, and

Tel Aviv universities, was led by Prof. Micha Sapira of the Inter-University Institute for Marine Sciences in Eilat.

Sixteen scientists from both countries left Eilat on May 7 on the institute's ship *University 1*, Sapira said. They studied natural sea treasures in the territorial waters of Eritrea, especially its coral.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Medical aid for Sakhalin victims

In the next few days, Israel will airlift 5.5 tons of medical supplies to the victims of the recent earthquake on Sakhalin Island in Russia's far east.

Prominent Egyptian gets to walk home

Hassam Khalil, the 39-year-old son of former Egyptian prime minister Mustafa Khalil, is now walking without a cane for the first time in a decade, thanks to surgery he underwent last week at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

President Ezer Weizman, who knows the family well, visited him last week and has called several times to check on his progress. The unusual operation to free pressure on nerves in his leg was performed by Dr. Shimon Rockkind. Hassam suffered serious injuries in a road accident and had no feeling in the leg and had been unable to walk normally since then. His father learned of the operation from Israel Television's Arabic language service. According to his neurosurgeon, an unusual laser device available only at Ichilov has been instrumental in his recovery.

Jellyfish spotted off Ashdod

The jellyfish are back - thousands of them off the coast of Ashdod. Magen David Adom reported yesterday that the first jellyfish of the season have already annoyed bathers.

MDA notes that bathers can be stung not only by direct contact with the troublesome creatures, but also indirectly and in close proximity through the water. Stings are usually not dangerous, so there is no reason to panic. After feeling a sting, leave the water immediately and wash the affected area with sea water only. In severe cases, wash the area with ordinary household vinegar and then wash tap water and soap.

Misgav Ladach doctors reach agreement

The 24 staff doctors at Jerusalem's Misgav Ladach Hospital will apparently not go on strike next week after reaching a verbal agreement with management yesterday. Management agreed to deposit pension money for overtime and shifts from now on, but retroactively back to 1974. It also agreed to sign a collective agreement similar to that in all other hospitals, except for changes suited to the nature of the hospital.

A union spokeswoman said the problem would be resolved when the arrangements were set down in writing for the lawyers to read.

Physiotherapists end strike

Physiotherapists at Beit Loewinstein in Ra'anana decided yesterday to suspend their strike until Sunday after management agreed to withdraw the letters of dismissal it had sent to 13 physiotherapists and to give the deputy director supervisory responsibility for the physiotherapy department.

The physiotherapists had been on strike since the beginning of the week over the choice of an "unqualified" new head of the physiotherapy department. The Histadrut will hear the workers' appeal against the tender by which the department head was selected on Sunday.

Parents still to pay school medical fees

LOCAL authorities will continue to collect school medical fees from parents even though the new national health insurance system gives health funds responsibility for most of their members' health care, the Health Ministry announced yesterday.

The ministry was commenting on claims by the National Parents Association (NPA) that 30 percent of pupils are not examined by a school doctor, even though parents pay tens of shekels a year per child for this.

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the eight of spades, jack of hearts, ten of diamonds, and ace of clubs.